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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) previously submitted in this application, attached is a Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents cited by the European Patent Office (EPO) in Appln. No. 98940811.7 and not already made of record. A copy of the search report is also enclosed.

The Applicants respectfully submit that some of those references have been already made of record in our IDS filed December 7, 2001. Copies of the references cited in the attached search report and listed on the Form PTO-1449 are attached.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under 37 CFR § 1.97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully.


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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures, as well as the return of a copy of the Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials per MPEP § 609, are earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if further information is needed.

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